

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct a typographical error in claim 12.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

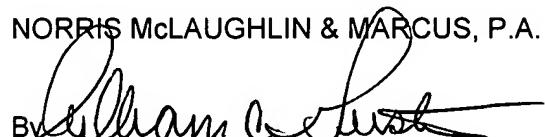
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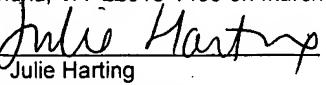
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